

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1 An apparatus for providing a plurality of perforations in a dough layer prior to baking, the apparatus comprising:

a top portion, a top portion having certain weight.

a top portion, the top portion including an upper surface of the apparatus;

a top portion, the top portion having a bottom surface;

a plurality of nail like objects supported by the bottom surface of the top portion.

a plurality of nail like objects being arranged in a fixed pattern.

Handles means to aid in lifting the tool, handles being arranged in a fixed pattern;

2. The apparatus in claim 1, wherin the weight of the top portion means to provide pressure on the nail like objects to penetrate through the dough layer.

3. The apparatus in claim 1, wherein a top portion having a bottom surface means to provide locations for the plurality of nail like objects arranged in a fixed pattern.

4. The apparatus in claim 1 wherein the entire apparatus is manually lowered directly on to the dough layer to be perforated.

5 The apparatus in claim 1, wherein the end of the nail like objects having narrow, pointed ends to provide quick penetrating capability.

6. the nail like objects in claimm 1, wherein the plurality of nail like objects are arranged

such that all the pointed ends of the nail like objects are pointing downwards in the direction of gravity.

7. A pair of handles in claim 1, wherein the pair of handles are attached to the circular rim of the top portion in a fixed pattern.

~~8. A method of creating a plurality of perforations in a dough layer using an apparatus for creating perforations, the method comprising:~~

a) manually lowering the entire apparatus on the dough layer with the aid of the handles such that the weight of the entire apparatus pressuring the pointed tips of the nail like objects to penetrate through the dough layer thus producing plurality of perforations in no time.

b) placing <sup>the</sup> user's palm(s) <sup>on</sup> the apparatus for additional pressure such that the additional pressure being created for even perforations.

c) removing the entire apparatus from the dough layer is done by simply lifting away the entire apparatus manually.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein step (a) includes placing the entire apparatus on to the dough layer such that the plurality of nail like objects are in the same direction of the earth's gravity.

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